

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

SABINA J. HOULE

Application No.: 10/613,418

Filed: July 3, 2003

For: **THERMAL HEAT SPREADERS DESIGNED
FOR LOWER COST
MANUFACTURABILITY, LOWER MASS
AND INCREASED THERMAL
PERFORMANCE**



Art Group: 2835

Examiner: Thompson, Gregory D.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the duty of disclosure, enclosed is a copy of IDS Citation Form PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449, together with copies of the documents cited on that form, except for copies not required to be submitted (e.g., copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications need not be enclosed). This IDS and IDS Citation Form are being submitted concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be considered and that the enclosed copy of PTO/SB/08 be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to applicant(s). Some or all of the references listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08 were previously identified in the parent application (Application No. 09/675,316, filed September 29, 2000) and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, per 37 CFR §1.98(d)(1) additional copies of those references are not submitted herewith.

The submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made in the subject application and is not to be construed as an admission that the information cited in this statement is material to patentability.

Please charge any fees due to Deposit Account 02-2666. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17) is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

William T. Babbitt
William Thomas Babbitt, Reg. No. 39,591

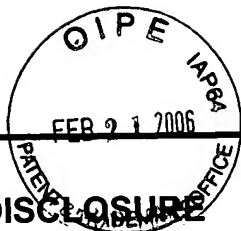
Date: 2/17/06

12400 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90025
Telephone: (310) 207-3800

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Nedy Calderon
Nedy Calderon

2/17/06
Date



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/613,418
Filing Date	July 3, 2003
First Named Inventor	Sabina J. Houle
Art Unit	2835
Examiner Name	Thompson, Gregory D.
Attorney Docket Number	42P9485D

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date or Issue Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US-5,410,451	04-25-1995	Hawthorne et al.	
		US-5,621,615	04-15-1997	Dawson et al.	
		US-5,898,571	04-27-1999	Mertol	
		US-5,998,241	12-07-1999	Niwa	
		US-6,008,536	12-28-1999	Mertol	
		US-6,118,177	09-12-2000	Lischner et al.	
		US-6,218,730	04-17-2001	Toy et al.	
		US-6,281,573	08-28-2001	Atwood et al.	
		US-2002/0012231	01-31-2002	Bhatia et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Based on PTO/SB/08A (08-03) as modified by Blakely, Solokoff, Taylor & Zafman (wlr) 08/11/2003.

Send To: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450